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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Commission

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**SUBJECT:** MUR 6656 (Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP)  
Recommendation to Close the File

At the Executive Session on September 24, 2013, the Commission considered the First General Counsel's Report in this matter. The Commission did not approve this Office's recommendation to find reason to believe that Anchin, Block & Anchin ("Anchin") and Evan H. Snapper violated 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) by identifying Patricia Cornwell as the subject of an ongoing "FEC investigation" in a public document filed in civil litigation between Anchin and Cornwell. See First GCR at 1-3, MUR 6656; Commission Certification, MUR 6656 (Sept. 25, 2013). The "FEC investigation" referred to by Anchin in its filing was pending MUR 6454, which involved contributions reimbursed by Anchin principal Evan Snapper, with funds belonging to Anchin's former client, Cornwell. Because MUR 6454 was still pending when the Commission voted in this matter, without significant redactions the public release of the file in this matter would have itself revealed confidential information about MUR 6454. The Commission, therefore, decided to delay its vote to close the file in this matter until it closed the file in MUR 6454. At the Executive Session on March 6, 2014, the Commission closed the file in MUR 6454. Accordingly, we now recommend that the Commission close the file in this matter.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Close the file in MUR 6656.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.